



EFFICACY OF SUPPLEMENTATION OF PHYTASE ENZYME TO BROILER DIETS WITH OR WITHOUT DI-CALCIUM PHOSPHATE ON PERFORMANCE AND ECONOMIC APPRAISAL

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ABSTRACT: One hundred and eight male one-day age broiler chicks (Ross 308) were used in a 42-day experiment with objectives to study the effect of supplementing phytase with or without added di-calcium phosphate (DCP) to broiler chickens' diets on their performance, carcass characteristics and economic appraisal. The birds were allocated to three treatments in a completely randomized design (CRD) with three replicates each. Treatment one T1 (control), fed basal diets supplemented with + 0.1% DCP were used, treatment two T2 (basal diet supplemented with 1500 FTU/Kg phytase + 0.1% DCP) and treatment three T3 (basal diet supplemented with 1500 FTU/Kg). Results showed significant ($P \leq 0.05$) differences in feed consumption (FC), body weight (BW), body weight gain (BWG) and feed conversion ratio (FCR), where T3 recorded the best results. Some gastrointestinal tract (GIT) organs (esophagus, proventriculus, small and large intestine, liver and caeca) and abdominal fat pads were significantly ($P \leq 0.05$) different in their weights; but no significant ($P \geq 0.05$) differences in gizzards and hearts weights. There were significant ($P \leq 0.05$) differences in lengths of proventriculus, small and large intestines; no significant ($P \geq 0.05$) differences were found in lengths of esophagus and caeca. There were significant ($P \leq 0.05$) differences in meat chemical properties, (DM%, Ash%, EE%, Ca% and P%) of the breast muscle. However, no significant ($P \geq 0.05$) differences in meat sensory traits (taste, flavor color and tenderness) and mortality rates were found. Significant ($P \leq 0.05$) differences were found in tibia bone chemical and physical properties (weight, length, thickness of the medial wall, the lateral wall and the medullary canal diameter) and chemical composition of manure where T3 had the best results. The economics appraisal recorded significant ($P \leq 0.05$) differences where T3 had the least cost and highest revenue. The results reveal that using (1500FTU/Kg) phytase without adding DCP is the best for performance parameters and economic appraisal and reduced environmental pollution.

Key words: phytase; broiler performance; di-calcium phosphate; economic appraisal.

INTRODUCTION

The poultry production industry is facing challenges due to the high costs of feed materials, which account to 70% of the overall production (Alagawany and Attia, 2015). Phosphorus is the second abundant mineral after calcium in the animal body (NRC, 1994). Phosphorus is more complicated than just maintaining the bone structure of animals. It has numerous other physiological functions that can be affected by deficiency of P (Selle, and Ravindran 2007). They added that sequences as a result of the failure in providing sufficient levels of P can be detrimental to the physiological prosperity of the bird and resulting in financial losses. However, the availability and quantity of dietary P are of vital importance for the growing mono-gastric animals. In plants seeds, phosphorus is stored in the form of phytate which encompasses about two thirds of total plant P (Hughes et al., 2009). They reported that phytate P in poultry is usually utilized with availability of 0 to 50 %, affected by the age and metabolic adaptability in critical circumstances. A large percentage of dietary phosphorus that is unavailable to animals is trashed as manure resulting in critical hazards to the environment (Mondal et al., 2007). In order to meet the requirements of phosphorus to poultry, inorganic phosphate is usually added to the poultry feeds, which lead to the problem of environmental pollution because a large amount of phosphorus is excreted in the poultry manure (Khan et al., 2013). Phytases are phosphor-hydrolases that initiate the process removal of phosphorus from phytate. These enzymes are widely used in animal feeds to improve the available phosphorus and to reduce phosphorus pollution to the

environment from animal waste (Lei, and Porres, 2003). Scholey et al. (2018) proposed that using high doses of phytase to replace inorganic P had the potential to reduce the costs of feeds. They suggested further investigations are required to evaluate the impact of replacing inorganic P with phytase doses greater than 1000 FTU/kg feed. Srikanthithasan et al. (2020) concluded that broiler fed diets that were supplemented with phytase and were deficient in phosphorus, showed better growth performance and tibia development from (1-35 day of age). Adding phytase to broiler rations had beneficial effects on growth and mineralization of tibia bones but did not affect the carcass traits (Ciurescu et al., 2020). Supplementing phytase at 1500 FTU/kg showed a clear ability to boost broiler performance by improving FCR. The use of phytase enhanced 45-d processing yields, increased tender yields relative to carcass weights, and reduced fat pad weights (Ennis et al., 2020). Phytase improved the BWG and FCR of growing ducks and reduced the level of Zn in duck excreta (Attia et. al., 2019). They revealed that adding phytase in low P diets showed significant ($P \leq 0.05$) effects on Ca and P retention in bones. Phytases are enzymes have been widely utilized in animal feeding specifically poultry to enhance phosphorus intake and minimize environmental pollution (Daniel et al., 2018). The present experiment was carried out with a general objective to study the effects of supplementing broiler chickens diets with phytase enzyme with or without added DCP on broiler performance. Specific objectives were to study the effect of these diets on the gastrointestinal tract (GIT), carcass characteristics, tibia bones, economical appraisal, and manure

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chemical properties that are hazard to the environment.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

An experiment was conducted with one hundred and eight (108) eight-day age broiler male chicks (Ross 308) and was randomly distributed into three treatments (each treatment with three replicates). A completely randomized design of 12 chicks in each replicate was used. The chicks were randomly housed in the experimental pens in a deep litter floor poultry house of (1.5 m²) for each pen. The environmental condition inside the house was controlled and the chicks were reared under good management conditions with continuous access to feed, water and light. The diets used in this experiment were prepared and formulated in accordance with the recommendations of the National Research Council (NRC, 1994) for broiler chicks. These diets are shown in Table (1) for both production phases (starter and finisher). The chickens were fed a starter diet during the period of second - third week of age on *ad libitum* basis. A finisher diet was then offered from fourth – sixth week of age on *ad libitum* basis. These diets were off as follows:

Treatment (T1) or (control) basal diets for both phases of feeding (starter and finisher) without added phytase enzyme using 0.1% di calcium phosphate (DCP).

Treatment (T2) the basal diets as in T1 plus phytase enzyme (1500 FTU/ kg feed)

Treatment (T3) the basal diets plus phytase enzyme (1500 FTU/ kg feed) but without including DCP to the diets.

According to AOAC (2000) one phytase unit (FTU) was defined as the amount of phytase enzyme releasing 1µmol of inorganic orthophosphate from a sodium

phytate substrate 83/minute at a temperature of 37°C and pH 5.5.

Feed for each replicate was weighed and offered daily and at the end of the week, feed left was collected and weighed to get the actual feed consumption per week in grams (g). The weights of the birds were taken weekly and average body weight and body weight gain (g) were calculated for each replicate. Furthermore, the weekly feed conversion ratio (FCR) for each replicate was calculated as the ratio of weekly feed intake to weekly body weight gain and as an overall FCR at the end of the experiment, The Mortality of birds was recorded when there were deaths among birds and the weekly mortality

After 42 days (experimental rate was calculated and as an overall at the termination of the experiment termination), nine birds of average body weight from each treatment (three from each replicate) were selected. The birds from each replicate were sacrificed on Islamic Tradition (Ali, et al., 2011), for further evaluation of carcass characteristics and sensory evaluation of meat. After feathers removal and evisceration the weight of the hot carcass was taken and then cooled and its cold weight was recorded as well. Some carcass parts (breasts, legs, thighs and drumsticks) weights were taken. The gastrointestinal tract (GIT) organs (esophagus, proventriculus, gizzard, intestines and caeca) weights as well as the associated organs (heart and liver) weights were taken. Also lengths of GIT organs (esophagus, proventriculus, intestines and caeca) were taken as well. Chemical analysis of meat and manure were carried out. Some chemical and physical attributes of tibia bones were

undertaken. Sensory attributes (taste, flavor, color and tenderness) evaluation of breast meat was done using the sensory description technique with trained panelists. The Mortality of birds was recorded and the mortality rate was calculated weekly basis and as an overall at the end of the experiment. The production costs and returns were calculated in Sudanese Pounds to get the total revenue by subtracting the total costs from the total returns.

Statistical analysis

The statistical analysis of the experimental data was performed according to the completely randomized design (CRD), using the method of the general linear model (ANOVA). Differences between the experimental averages were calculated using Duncan (1955) multiple range tests at (0.05) probability. The statistical analysis program (SAS 2003) was used. Data were subjected to analysis of variance with the following equation:

$$Y_{ij} = \mu + T_i + \epsilon_{ij}$$

where: Y_{ij} = observation.

μ = population average.

T_i = diet effect ($i = 1$ to 3).

ϵ_{ij} = residual error

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Broiler performance

Results on chickens' performance are shown in Table 2. There were significant ($P \leq 0.05$) differences live body weight (BW) and body weight gain (BWG) were T3 and T2 recorded the higher weights, respectively. However, the control group significantly ($P \leq 0.05$) recorded the highest feed consumption (FC) during the entire experimental period and T3 had the lowest FC. The overall feed conversion ratio (FCR) was significantly ($P \leq 0.05$) the best for T3 and

T2, respectively compared to T1 (Table 2). These findings are on line with some authors (Nardelli et al., 2018; Walters et al., 2019; Abo Omar and Sabha 2020). The findings of these authors confirmed that phytase supplemented diets containing low levels of P had a positive effect on performance of broiler chickens. However, these results were on accord with that of Angel et al. (2005) who reported no differences among BW of broilers fed the NRC (1994) recommended P level and that fed less P but with added phytase.

There is no significant difference ($P \geq 0.05$) in overall mortality rate among different treatments (Table 2).

Gastrointestinal tracts (GIT)

Table 3 shows no significant ($P \geq 0.05$) differences in some GIT organs (gizzard and heart) weights among all treatments. However, there were significant ($P \leq 0.05$) differences in other GIT organs (esophagus, proventriculus, small and large intestine, liver and caeca) and abdominal fat pads. These results confirm better use of nutrients that is clear in improved body weights and better FCR in broiler fed diets supplemented with phytase enzyme. There were significant ($P \leq 0.05$) differences in lengths of proventriculus and small and large intestines. However, there were. No significant ($P \geq 0.05$) differences were found between lengths of esophagus, caeca (Table 3). These results are in line with those of Amer (2014).

Carcass characteristics

Table 4 presents some carcass characteristics of broiler fed on diets (with or without added DCP), supplemented with phytase. There were significant ($P \leq 0.05$) differences in live body weight, hot and cold carcass. The

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weights of the different parts (breast, whole leg, thigh, drumstick and wing) and dressing percentage, showed significant ($P \leq 0.05$) differences among different treatments, where T3 reported the best results. The results obtained herein are in good agreement with those of Amer, (2014) who reported significant ($P \leq 0.05$) differences among different treatments' weights of breast, thigh, drumstick and wing at six weeks of age when using diets low in P with added phytase. These findings are in accordance with that of Abo Omar, and Sabha (2020), who showed that phytase supplementation significantly ($P \leq 0.05$), increased the percentages of most carcass values of diets deficient in P.

Effect of phytase enzyme with or without DCP on breast meat chemical properties (DM, Ash, EE, Ca and P) percentages are presented in Table 4. There were significant ($P \leq 0.05$) differences between treatments, where T3 had the best results followed by T2 and T1 (control) respectively. These findings agree with those of Manobhavan et al. (2016) and Vidyasagar, et al. (2019). As shown in Table 4 there were no significant ($P \geq 0.05$) differences in meat sensory evaluation (taste, flavor color and tenderness) of the breast muscle. These results agree with the findings reported with previous authors (Elshib and Mukhtar (2016) who found that sensory characteristics of the breast muscle did not show a significant difference ($P < 0.05$) between dietary treatments supplemented with phytase.

Physical properties and chemical composition of tibia bone

As shown in Table 5 there were significant ($P \leq 0.05$) differences in weights, lengths of the tibia bones and

thicknesses of the medial wall (TMW), thickness of the lateral wall (TLW) and the medullary canal diameter (MCD). The highest thicknesses were recorded in T3 and T2 respectively, where T1 (control) recorded the lowest weights. As shown in Table 5 there were significant ($P \leq 0.05$) differences in tibia bone chemical properties (DM, Ash, Ca and P) percentages among different treatments where T3 scored the best results, followed by T2. However, T1 reported the lowest results. These findings are in line with those of some authors (El-Sherbiny et al. 2010; Walters et al., 2019 and Vidyasagar, et al., 2019). They concluded that phytase supplementation to low P diets increased the mineral contents of tibia bone. The same conclusion had been reported by Karimi et al. (2011), Chung et al. (2013) and Sreeja et al. (2018) who showed that using broiler diets with low levels of monohydrate P and phytase might increase dietary utilization of P without changes in performance and quality of bones.

Manure chemical properties

Manure chemical properties (DM, Ash, Ca and P) percentages are presented in Figure 1. There were significant ($P \leq 0.05$) differences among different treatments where (T1) the control treatment recorded the highest percentage value for chemical properties (DM, Ash, Ca and P). However, (T3) recorded the lowest percentages. These results are consistent with previous studies of El-Sherbiny et al. (2010), who reported that birds excrete more than half of phosphorus and nitrogen they consume when using phytase with low P diets. They concluded that reduction of dietary P and the use of phytase enzyme can be used to limit the

quantity of P excretion from broilers chickens, which will reduce impact on environmental pollution. The use of enzymes in poultry diets improves digestibility and availability of certain nutrients, mainly P, N, CA, C and Zn. This diminishes their presence in excreta and their deposition to the soil which will avoid environmental pollution. Coppedge, (2010) explained that to increase P bioavailability from phytate, use increased levels of phytase. These results as well in good agreement with Daniel et al. (2018) who reported that inclusion of phytase resulted in decreased fecal P levels, reducing the environmental pollution.

Economic appraisal

Figure (2) shows the economical appraisal of this experiment on the basis of input costs, returns and revenues. There was a clear effect of phytase enzyme at 1500 FTU/Kg level without

adding DCP to the diet of birds on meat cost. Significant ($P < 0.05$) differences were recorded between the different treatments. T3 had the lowest cost and highest return. These results are consistent with previous authors (Selle, and Ravindran 2007; Coppedge, 2010; Scholey et al. 2018). They showed that phytase supplementation helps in reducing levels of inorganic P in broiler diets leading to decreased expenses without affecting broiler performance. These results are also in accordance with those of Al-Harhi (2020) who concluded supplementation of phytase to olive cake diets produced the highest economic efficiency.

CONCLUSION

It can be concluded that using phytase up to 1500 FTU/Kg feed without adding di-calcium phosphate to broiler diets is beneficial in terms of good performance, returns and hygienic environment.

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Table (1): Feed ingredients and chemical composition of starter and finisher diets

Ingredients	Starter Diet (2nd-3rd week)			Finisher Diet (4th-6th week)		
	T1	T2	T3	T1	T2	T3
Sorghum	56.5	57.5	57.6	58.6	59.4	59.5
Pea nut cake	36	37	37	31	32	32
Bro-Con*	5	3	3	5	3	3
Vegetable Oil	0	0	0	2.5	2.5	2.5
L- Lysine	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Methionine	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Premix	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Oyster shell	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.3	1.5	1.5
Salt	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Coline chloride	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Antioxidant and antifungal	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Di-Calcium phosphate	0.1	0.1	0	0.1	0.1	0
Phytase U/Kg	0	1500	1500	0	1500	1500
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100
Chemical composition						
CP %	22.2	22.1	22.1	20.3	20.2	20.2
EE%	4.9	4.97	4.97	5.8	5.83	5.83
CF %	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.3	5.3	5.3
Ca %	1.1	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.1	1.1
Total P %	0.5	0.41	0.31	0.5	0.39	0.29
Available P%	0.39	0.29	0.19	0.39	0.28	0.17
Lysine %	1	0.9	0.9	0.93	0.85	0.85
Methi+Cysti%	0.85	0.76	0.76	0.8	0.72	0.72
Methionine %	0.55	0.47	0.47	0.57	0.45	0.5
ME kcal/kg**	3097	3121	3124	3218	3235	2338
Phytase U/Kg	0	1500	1500	0	1500	1500

* Super concentrate contains the following: 35% CP, 2% EE, 4% CF, 10% calcium, 4.5% available phosphorus, 5.7% lysine, 4.5% methionine and 4.9% methionine + cystine. ME 2000 kcal/kg, 2.6% Sodium with added vitamins and minerals.

** Metabolizable energy (ME Kcal/kg) was calculated according to the formula derived by Lodhi *et al.* (1976). ME kcal/kg = 32.95 (% crude protein + % ether extract × 2.25 + % available carbohydrate) – 29.20.

Table (2): The effect of phytase enzyme with or without added DCP on performance of broiler chicken

Age	Treatments			C.V. %	P
	T1	T2	T3		
Initial body weight	40 ± 0		40 ± 0	0	NS
Final body weight	2115 ^c ± 3.1	2260 ^b ± 2.8	2277 ^a ± 2	0.2	**
Total body weight gain	2075 ^c ± 0.3	2220 ^b ± 0.8	2237 ^a ± 0.3	0.2	**
Total feed consumption	3632 ^a ± 6	3538 ^b ± 5	3479 ^c ± 5.6	0.3	**
Overall feed conversion ratio	1.75 ^a ± 0.001	1.59 ^b ± 0.001	1.56 ^c ± 0.0009	0.9	**
Mortality rate	2.8 ± 0.6	2.8 ± 0.5	0.0 ± 0.0	8.3	NS

*, ** and NS indicate significant differences at $P \leq 0.05$, $P \leq 0.01$ and not significant, respectively Means in row followed by the same letter are not significantly different at $P = 0.05$, according to Duncan's (1955) Multiple Range Test. CV = coefficient of variation. P = probability.

Table (3): The effect of phytase enzyme with or without added DCP on the gastrointestinal (GIT) weights (gm) and lengths (cm)

Parameters	Treatments			C.V. %	P
	T1	T2	T3		
Weights (gm)					
Esophagus	8.1 ^b ± 0.03	8.4 ^a ± 0.03	8.4 ^a ± 0.03	0.6	*
Proventriculus	7.3 ^b ± 0.05	7.9 ^a ± 0.09	7.92 ^a ± 0.08	1.7	**
Gizzard	34.7 ± 0.9	36.7 ± 1.4	37.0 ± 1.1	5	NS
Small + large Intestines	97.0 ^b ± 1.8	101.7 ^{ab} ± 0.7	105.3 ^a ± 1.7	2.9	*
Liver	41.7 ^b ± 1.3	49.3 ^a ± 1.2	50.3 ^a ± 1.4	3.7	**
Heart	9.7 ± 0.3	10.0 ± 0.01	10.0 ± 0.01	1.9	NS
Caeca	6.3 ^b ± 0.3	7.7 ^a ± 0.3	7.7 ^a ± 0.3	5.1	**
Abdominal fat pad	28.0 ± 0.6	26.0 ± 2.1	22.7 ± 1.2	3.0	*
Lengths (cm)					
Esophagus	18.6 ± 0.03	19.2 ± 0.01	19.5 ± 0.01	2.3	NS
Proventriculus	3.7 ^b ± 0.1	4.2 ^a ± 0.03	4.3 ^a ± 0.08	3.1	*
Caeca	20.3 ± 0.3	21.3 ± 0.8	21.3 ± 0.8	4.2	NS
Small + large Intestines	216.7 ^b ± 1.8	221.3 ^{ab} ± 1.2	223.0 ^a ± 1.5	1.1	**

Footnote remains the same as that of Table 2.

Table (4): The effect of phytase with or without added DCP on carcass characteristics

Parameters	Treatments			C.V. %	P
	T1	T2	T3		
Live body	2115.7 ^c ± 1.8	2259.7 ^b ± 1.4	2276.6 ^a ± 0.7	0.07	**
Weight in grams					
Carcass (Hot)	1574.7 ^c ± 1.7	1705.7 ^b ± 1.2	1727.0 ^c ± 1.0	0.13	**
Breast meat	374.0 ^c ± 0.5	443.3 ^b ± 1.6	456.7 ^a ± 1.6	3.7	**
Whole leg	218.7 ^c ± 0.8	240.7 ^b ± 1.3	247.6 ^a ± 0.8	0.9	**
Thigh	115.0 ^c ± 0.5	130.7 ^b ± 1.2	134.6 ^a ± 0.8	1.2	**
Drumstick	103.7 ^b ± 0.3	110.0 ^a ± 1.1	110.2 ^a ± 1.1	3.0	**
Wing	80.7 ^b ± 1.3	85.3 ^a ± 1.4	88.7 ^a ± 0.8	2.5	*
Dressing %	74.4 ^c ± 0.04	75.5 ^b ± 0.04	75.9 ^a ± 0.03	0.09	**
Breast meat chemical properties %					
DM	30.1 ^c ± 0.2	35.4 ^b ± 0.5	37.4 ^a ± 0.4	1.9	**
Ash	1.2 ^b ± 0.08	1.8 ^a ± 0.05	2.0 ^a ± 0.4	4.8	**
EE	1.9 ^b ± 0.05	3.2 ^{ab} ± 0.1	3.8 ^a ± 0.6	5.3	*
Ca	0.8 ^c ± 0.05	1.2 ^b ± 0.05	1.8 ^a ± 0.1	4	**
P	0.4 ^c ± 0.03	0.7 ^b ± 0.03	0.9 ^a ± 0.03	5.2	**
Breast meat sensory evaluation rate %					
Taste	26 ± 0.2	36 ± 0.3	35 ± 0.1	10.0	NS
Flavor	23 ± 0.2	28 ± 0.2	30 ± 0.1	11.0	NS
Color	29 ± 0.2	32 ± 0.2	33 ± 0.2	11.1	NS
Tenderness	33 ± 0.1	36 ± 0.1	38 ± 0.1	10.0	NS

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Table (5): The effect of phytase with or without added DCP on some physical properties and chemical composition of tibia bone

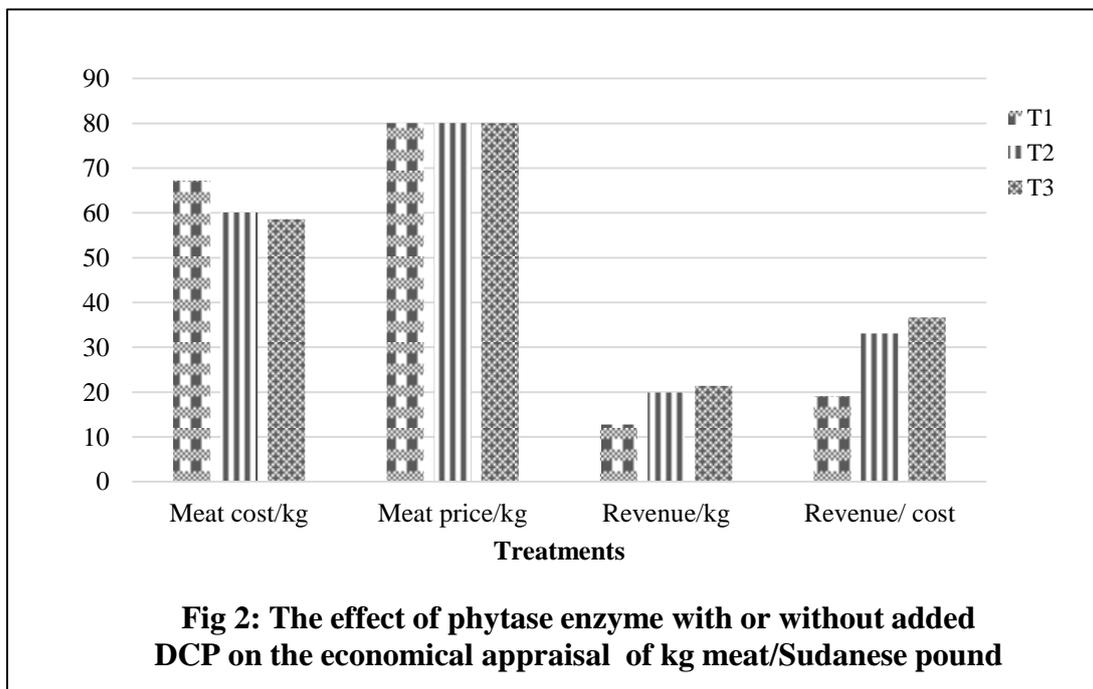
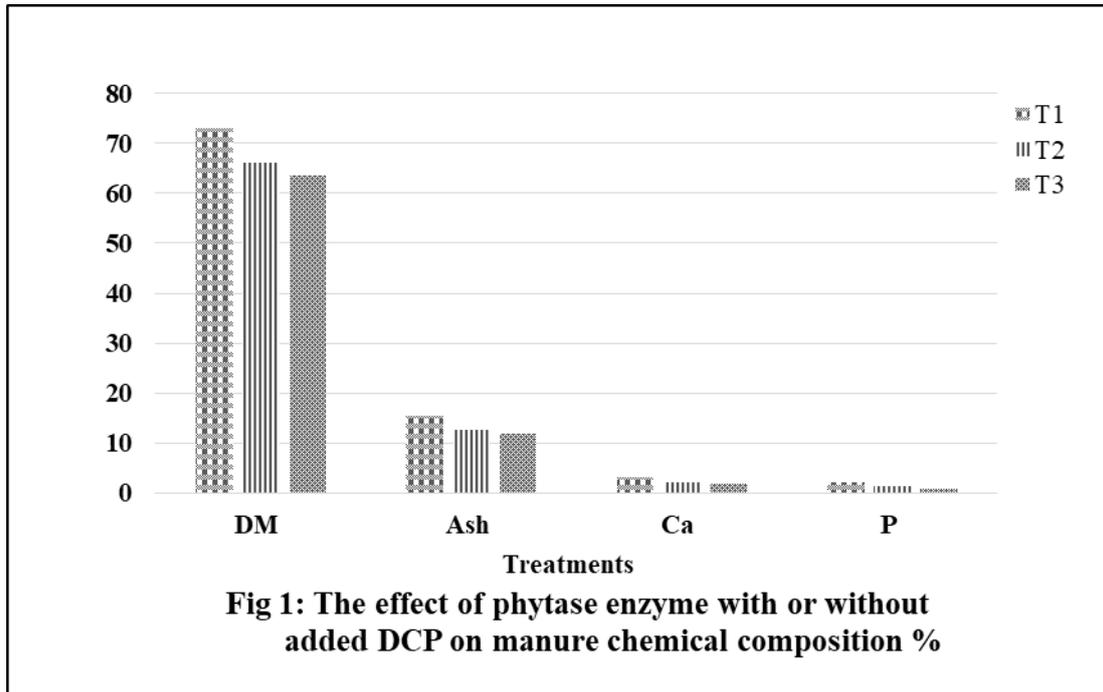
Parameters	Treatments			C.V. %	P
	T1	T2	T3		
Tibia bone some physical properties					
Tibia weight (g)	11.5 ^c ± 0.05	12.7 ^b ± 0.1	13.1 ^a ± 0.05	1.0	**
Tibia length (cm)	9.0 ^c ± 0.05	10.0 ^b ± 0.05	10.3 ^a ± 0.1	1.1	**
TMW (mm) *	1.0 ^b ± 0.05	1.2 ^{ab} ± 0.02	1.3 ^a ± 0.02	4.2	**
TLW (mm)**	1.8 ^c ± 0.02	2.4 ^b ± 0.04	2.5 ^a ± 0.01	2.0	**
MCD (mm)***	7.2 ^b ± 0.06	7.8 ^{ab} ± 0.05	8.2 ^a ± 0.2	2.7	*
Tibia bone chemical composition					
DM %	88.1 ^c ± 0.06	91.3 ^b ± 0.06	93.5 ^a ± 0.5	0.3	**
Ash %	48.0 ^c ± 0.09	52.8 ^b ± 0.3	55.9 ^a ± 0.05	0.5	**
Ca%	16.7 ^b ± 0.09	19.2 ^a ± 0.06	20.5 ^a ± 0.05	0.6	*
P%	8.1 ^c ± 0.06	9.2 ^b ± 0.06	10.9 ^a ± 0.08	0.4	**

Footnote remains the same as that of Table 2.

* TMW = thicknesses of the medial wall. ** TLW = thickness of the lateral wall.

*** MCD = medullary canal diameter.

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الملخص العربي
فعالية إضافة إنزيم الفاييتيز إلى عليقة كتاكيت اللحم مع أو بدون ثنائي فوسفات الكالسيوم علي الأداء والقيمة الاقتصادية

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تم استخدام مائة وثمانية كتكوت من ذكور اللحم (روص ٣٠٨) في تجربة لمدة ٤٢ يوماً بهدف دراسة تأثير إضافة إنزيم الفاييتيز مع أو بدون إضافة ثنائي فوسفات الكالسيوم (DCP) لعلائق كتاكيت اللحم على أدائها وخصائص الذبيحة التقييم الاقتصادي. تم توزيع الطيور على ثلاث معاملات باستخدام التصميم العشوائي الكامل (CRD) و ثلاث تكرارات لكل معاملة. المعاملة الأولى (T1) (الضابطة)، عليقة متكاملة بإضافة ٠.١٪ ثنائي فوسفات الكالسيوم، معاملة الثانية (T2) والتي غذيت على العليقة الأساسية مع إضافة إنزيم الفاييتيز (1500 FTU /Kg) (phytase + 0.1% DCP) والمعاملة الثالثة (T3) غذيت الكتاكت على العليقة الأساسية بدون استخدام ثنائي فوسفات الكالسيوم (1500 DCP % ٠.١ Kg phytase + /FTU) أظهرت النتائج وجود فروقات معنوية ($P \leq 0.05$) في العلف المتناول (FI) والوزن الجسم (BW) وزيادة وزن الجسم (BWG) ونسبة التحويل الغذائي (FCR) حيث سجلت المعاملة (T3) أفضل النتائج. أظهر الجهاز الهضمي (GIT) والأعضاء المرتبطة به اختلافات معنوية ($P \leq 0.05$) في أوزانهم وأطوالهم. لم تكن هنالك فروقات معنوية ($P \geq 0.05$) في الخواص الكيميائية للحوم (DM، %، Ash، %، EE، %، Ca، %، P) لعضلة الصدر. لم تكن هنالك فروقات معنوية ($P \geq 0.05$) في التقييم الحسي (الطعم، النكهة اللون و الطراوة). كذلك لم تكن هنالك فروقات معنوية ($P \geq 0.05$) في معدل النفق. كانت هنالك اختلافات معنوية ($P \leq 0.05$) في الخواص الفيزيائية لعظام الساق (الوزن، الطول، سمك الجدار الإنسي، الجدار الجانبي وقطر القناة النخاعية) والتركيب الكيميائي لعظام الساق والزرق حيث سجلت T3 أفضل النتائج. كانت هنالك فروقات إحصائية ($P \leq 0.05$) في التقييم الاقتصادي حيث سجلت (T3) أقل تكلفة وأعلى عائد. يستنتج أنه يمكن إضافة (1500 FTU / Kg) من إنزيم phytase بدون إضافة ثنائي فوسفات الكالسيوم إلى علائق كتاكيت اللحم للحصول على أداء جيد وأفضل عائد وتقليل التلوث البيئي